IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 thereof, with the following:

FIG. 1 is a conceptual diagram <u>of a typical legacy environment</u> ~~of an environment~~ employing the DCP;

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 3 thereof, with the following:

Fig. 1 is a conceptualized diagram showing <u>a legacy system</u> ~~a system~~ 10 employing the DCP. This <u>basic legacy system is typical of</u> ~~basis system may include~~ installed data management systems of various enterprises of differing sizes. Channel connect 12 represents the direct coupling of Host 14 to DCP 18 via cable 16. In the normal situation, Channel connect 12 shows that Host 14 and DCP 18 are physically collocated. In this installation, DCP 18 functions as a data concentrator and interface to single function terminals 22 and 24. These single function terminals are not collocated with the other components of legacy system 10 but are coupled via dedicated link 20, as shown. Use of DCP 18 in this way permits modification and upgrade of single function terminals 22 and 24, along with dedicated link 20, without impact on host 14 and its contained legacy software base.
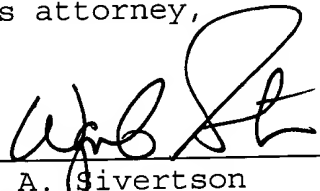
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